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Learning the language

Here's a place to write down words you will need in .....

Hello .....

Goodbye .....

Please .....

Thank you .....

Yes .....

No .....

Help .....

Excuse me .....

1 ..... 2 ..... 3 .....

4 ..... 5 ..... 6 ..... 7 .....

8 ..... 9 ..... 10 .....

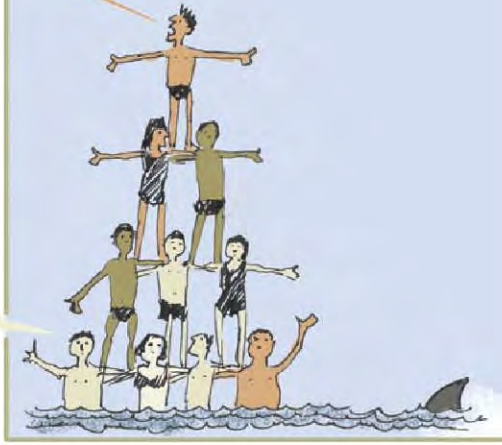
Other words you would like to remember:



What ways can you communicate and have fun with people even if you can't speak their language?

Play 'rock, paper, scissors'

Play football



'There are no foreign lands. It is the traveller only who is foreign.'
– *Robert Louis Stevenson (Scottish novelist, poet and travel writer, 1850-1894).*

Using the form and rhythm of 'One, two, buckle my shoe ...' make up a counting rhyme to help you remember the numbers 1 – 10 e.g.



An embarrassing moment?

The silliest thing I said was:



Welcome travellers try to communicate in the local language. How well did you do?

Tick each achievement:

- Talked to a local person
- Understood a sign
- Used the correct toilet
- Purchased a ticket
- Understood a timetable
- Caught a bus, train or tram
- Ordered food
- Read a map and found the way

'No man should travel until he has learned the language of the country he visits.
Otherwise he voluntarily makes himself a great baby – so helpless and so ridiculous.' – *Ralph Waldo Emerson (American thinker and writer, 1803-1882).*

Destination data for .....

Name:

the monarch and/or head of government

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the currency

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the longest river

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the tallest mountain

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the language

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the police force

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a national holiday (and date)

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a traditional dish

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a typical breakfast

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a natural danger/hazard

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an endangered animal

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a traditional sport

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the most popular spectator sport

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a sporting star

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three common first names or surnames

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three famous people who live(d) in this country

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the telephone number to ring in an emergency

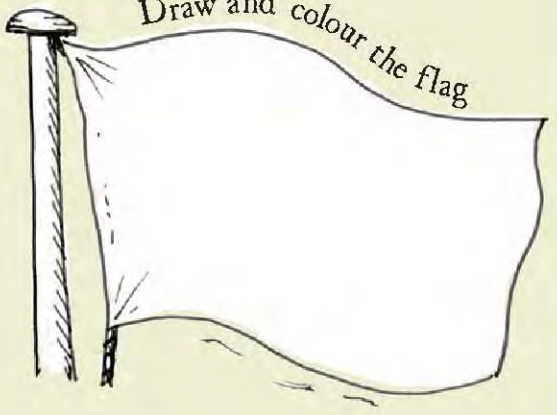
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the letters that websites end with in this country

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Draw and colour the flag



How long did it take you to find out all these facts?

a. less than 1 day
b. 1 day
c. 2 days
d. 3 days or more

a. You are a first-rate finder-outer with a fantastic knowledge of your holiday country. The locals will come to you for information.

b. You have all the skills to be a champion traveller. Consider writing a travel book.

c. You are much better than the average tourist at getting to know your holiday country.

d. You found the facts eventually. Hopefully you didn't need any of them in the meantime!

A place to stay ... for a while.

Have some fun filling in a table comparing the places you stay:

Name and location of accommodation	Staff	Food	Bed	View
'Three Witches' Bed & Breakfast, Cawdor	Three old sisters. Inclined to scratch their warts and pick their noses.	An all-you-can eat cauldron breakfast and newt juice – strangely tasty.	A night stretched on a rack would be more refreshing. Other guests very restless and appeared to be up to no good.	Sometimes foul, and sometimes fair with lots of fog and filthy air. A good view of Birnam Wood – which appears to move!





Food

'If you reject the food, ignore the customs, fear the religion and avoid the people, you might better stay home.'
– *James A. Michener (American traveller and author, 1907-1997).*

Things you ate on this trip for the first time ever:

Food	Comments	Rating 1-10

Great things to eat that you can't get at home:

Things you wouldn't eat unless your life depended on it:

Unusual food you found at a market:

The best meal ever:

Try ordering something from a menu without knowing what it is – what did you get?





The olfactory factor

Photos can help us remember where we've been and what we've done, but our sense of smell is brilliant at evoking memories too. Choose four completely different locations, breathe deep ... and write down what you can smell.

Where and when	Where and when	Where and when	Where and when
Smells:	Smells:	Smells:	Smells:







'The first condition of understanding a foreign country is to smell it.' – *Rudyard Kipling (British author, poet and traveller, 1865-1936).*

Travelling sounds like ...

Listen carefully when you are travelling and you will hear new sounds that you will never forget.

Describe sounds you have heard on this holiday for the first time ever:





List sounds made by nature that you have heard on your holiday:



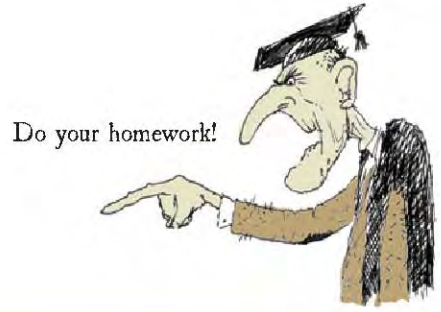
Using alliteration (words that have the same beginning sounds e.g. loud ladies, bawling babies), describe a noisy place you have visited:



Sit for a while in a quiet place ...
and write down the quietest things you hear:



What are some sounds you definitely DON'T want to hear on your holiday?



Using onomatopoeia ('sound like' words e.g. crackle, bang, bump, etc), write a poem about an interesting place you have visited:





If you could choose a 'wake-up' sound for your alarm clock – what sound from your travels would you choose?

'The jungle speaks to me because I know how to listen.' – *Mowgli, in the movie of Rudyard Kipling's* The Jungle Book *(1994).*

All creatures great and small

What exotic, elusive, amazing or just plain pesky animals live in this country and not at home? Here's a place to draw six of them. Why not make one of them a creature of your imagination?

